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JOINT EMBASSY/UNC MESSAGE

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (FOR GARBLED TEXT)

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SCM COMMUNIQUE

REPEATED BELOW IS ROK PROPOSED JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE
ISSUED FOLLOWING ROK-U.S. SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING
IN HONOLULU. IT WAS HANDED TO POLCOUNS BY AMERICAN
BUREAU DIRECTOR PARK SANG-YONG MAY 14, WITH REQUEST FOR
OUR SIDE'S COMMENTS PRIOR TO SCM. EMBASSY/COMUSK COMMENT AND
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGE WILL BE FORWARDED SEPTEL.

PARAGRAPHS NUMBERED AS IN KOREAN TEXT)

BEGIN QUOTE.

JOINT STATEMENT NINTH ANNUAL ROK-U.S. SECURITY CONSULTATIVE
MEETING MAY 27, 1976

1. THE ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS
HELD IN HONOLULU, HAWAII, ON MAY 26 AND 27, 1976 IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1971, BETWEEN
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THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES

OF AMERICA, AND AS AGREED AT THE ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN SEOUL ON AUGUST 26 AND 27, 1975.

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SUH JYONG CHUL, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DONALD H. RUMSFELD AND OTHER SENIOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING.

PRIOR TO THE MEETING, MINISTER SUH AND HIS DELEGATION MADE VISITS TO VARIOUS DEFENSE AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY RUMSFELD EXAMINED EXTENSIVELY OVERALL SITUATION IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION, INCLUDING MATTERS THAT AFFECT THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS WELL AS THE SECURITY SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

NOTING THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA IS ACCORDANT WITH THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ESSENTIAL TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION, THE TWO MINISTERS JOINTLY ASSESSED AND EVALUATED THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE MILITARY THREAT FACING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND AGREED CONCRETELY ON MATTERS REGARDING THE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES AND READINESS OF THE COMBINED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES TO COUNTER THAT THREAT.

3. MINISTER SUH EXPLAINED IN DETAIL NORTH KOREA'S CONTINUED BUILD-UP OF MILITARY CAPABILITIES THROUGH INTRODUCTION OF SOPHISTICATED MODERN EQUIPMENTS AND DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING OF VARIOUS TYPES OF WEAPONS, THE COMPLETION OF WAR PREPARATIONS AGAINST THE SOUTH AS OPENLY ADMITTED BY ITSELF, AND THE INCREASING DANGER OF RENEWED HOSTILITIES DUE TO POSSIBLE MISCALCULATION ON THE PART OF NORTH KOREA.

MINISTER SUH SPECIFICALLY POINTED OUT THE ARMED PROVOCATIONS PERPETRATED BY NORTH KOREA IN VIOLATION OF MILITARY FORCES ALONG THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, THEREBY ESCALATING THE DANGER OF RENEWED HOSTILITIES, CONTINUED THREATS TO THE ISLANDS OFF THE WEST COAST, DIGGING OF UNDERGROUND TUNNELS WITHIN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, AND RECENT ILLEGAL
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INFILTRATION OF TANKS INTO THE ZONE.

SECRETARY RUMSFELD EXPRESSED HIS SHARED CONCERN OVER NORTH KOREAN ACTS OF PROVOCATION AS EXPLAINED BY MINISTER SUH AND AGREED ON THE NEED TO KEEP UNCEASING VIGILANCE TO COPE WITH THE THREAT AND DISRUPTIVE ACTS OF NORTH KOREA.

4. THE TWO MINISTERS AGREED THAT NORTH KOREA'S MILITARY

CAPABILITIES CONTINUE TO POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN THE ADEQUATE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND TO KEEP THE COMBINED FORCES DEFENDING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AT A STATE OF READINESS SUFFICIENT TO DETER THE RECURRENCE OF WAR.

THE TWO MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE DETERMINATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO REPEL, THROUGH THE USE OF COMBINED ROK-US FORCES, ANY POSSIBLE NORTH KOREAN ARMED ATTACKS AGAINST ANY PART OF THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, INCLUDING HER ISLANDS, AND AGREED TO CONTINUE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS ON VARIOUS MEASURES IN THIS DIRECTION.

5. THE TWO MINISTERS NOTED MAJOR POLICY INITIATIVES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS TAKEN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO EASE TENSION AND CONSOLIDATE PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, PARTICULARLY THE SPECIAL STATEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY FOR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE ON JUNE 23, 1973, A PROPOSAL FOR NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA ON JANUARY 18, 1974, AND THE THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR THE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA AS PUT FORWARD BY PRESIDENT PARK IN HIS ADDRESS ON AUGUST 15, 1974.

THE TWO MINISTERS URGED THE NORTH KOREANS TO DEMONSTRATE, AS REITERATED BY PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE, THROUGH HIS SPECIAL STATEMENT ON JULY 4, 1975 AND HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 15, 1976, THEIR READINESS TO PEACEFULLY RESOLVE THE KOREAN PROBLEM BY AGREEING TO THE RESUMPTION OF THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE, WHICH THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE
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6. MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY RUMSFELD REAFFIRMED THE TRADITIONAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND AGREED TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE TIES ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND COOPERATION.

SECRETARY RUMSFELD REASSURED MINISTER SUH OF THE CONTINUED FIRM DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO RENDER PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY OF 1954 IN THE EVENT OF A NORTH KOREAN ARMED ATTACK AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

IN THIS CONNECTION, SECRETARY RUMSFELD RECONFIRMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS NO PLAN TO REDUCE THE PRESENT LEVEL OF THE UNITED STATES FORCES IN KOREA IN VIEW OF ITS IMPORTANCE AS AN ELEMENT TO DETER THE RECURRENCE OF WAR AND TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION.

7. MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY RUMSFELD REVIEWED THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMED FORCES, WHICH WAS AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF

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KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE JOINT STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1971. SECRETARY RUMSFELD ASSURED MINISTER SUH OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INTENTION TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM BY THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 1977.

THE TWO MINISTERS REVIEWED IN DETAIL THE MAJOR PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FORCES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AIMED AT ACHIEVING SELF-RELIANT DEFENSE POSTURE.

SECRETARY RUMSFELD EXPRESSED HIS FULL SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLEDGED CONTINUING MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE PROGRAM.

8. MINISTER SUH EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND AMERICAN INDUSTRIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF KOREAN DEFENSE INDUSTRIES AND EXPLAINED THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSE INDUSTRIES AIMED AT IMPROVING ITS SELF-RELIANT DEFENSE CAPABILITIES. SECRETARY RUMSFELD EVALUATED THE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF DEFENSE INDUSTRIES IN KOREA AND ASSURED MINISTER SUH OF THE CONTINUING FULL SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR SUCH OBJECTIVES.

9. THE TWO MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE NEXT ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN 1977 AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

10. MINISTER SUH EXPRESSED HIS SINCERE APPRECIATION TO SECRETARY RUMSFELD FOR THE COURTESY AND HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO HIM AND HIS DELEGATION BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH LED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE NINTH ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING. END QUOTE
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